

**TOWN WARRANT – 2019**

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The State of New Hampshire**

**THE POLLS WILL BE OPENING FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newton, N.H. in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs; you are hereby notified to meet for the first session of the annual meeting, which shall be for the explanation, discussion and debate of each warrant article and the transaction of all business other than voting by official ballot to be held at the Newton Town Hall on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 9:00 AM; the second session to be held at the Newton Town Hall, in said Newton, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year by official ballot, and to vote on all issues before the Town of Newton on the official ballot; the polls to be open at eight o'clock in the forenoon and to close not earlier than eight o'clock in the evening.

1. To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

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2. “Shall the Town of Newton raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$3,341,078.00**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,341,534.00 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Newton or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.”

*The estimated budget increase from the 2018 ACTUAL budget to the 2019 PROPOSED budget represents a tax impact increase of \$0.014 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0**

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3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,200.00** to be deposited into the **Engineering & Renovation Capital Reserve Fund** created in 2015; said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. This represents the Rental Fees received.

*This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0**

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Cemetery Trustees, the sum of \$25,000.00 to **pave the “horseshoe” driveway at the Highland Cemetery** and to authorize the withdrawal of \$10,000.00 from the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund created in 2016 for this purpose. The balance of **\$15,000.00** is to be raised from general taxation.

*This article would result in an estimated \$0.03 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0**

5. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Transfer Station Manager, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000.00** to purchase a **Tractor and Equipment** for the purpose of the daily operations at the Transfer Station with \$50,000.00 to come from the Transfer Station / Recycling Special Revenue Fund created in 2003 for this purpose.

*This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0**

6. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000.00** for the purpose of holding a **HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY, for Newton Residents only**, with \$25,000.00 to come from the Transfer Station / Recycling Special Revenue Fund created in 2003 for this purpose.

*This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0**

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$32,189.00** for the following **Community Services**:

AREA HOMECARE & FAMILY SERVICES	\$ 3,800.00
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER	2,000.00
DRUGS ARE DANGEROUS	2,500.00
FAMILY MEDIATION	5,947.00
HAVEN	3,050.00
LAMPREY HEALTH CARE	1,600.00
NHSPCA	750.00
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION	5,000.00
ROCKINGHAM NUTRITION MEALS ON WHEELS	2,842.00
VIC GEARY CENTER	2,700.00
WAYPOINT (f/k/a CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES)	<u>2,000.00</u>
	\$32,189.00

*This article would result in an estimated \$0.06 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0**

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Recreation Commission the sum of **\$4,500.00** for Recreational Programs and **Trips for Newton Senior Citizens**.

*This article would result in an estimated \$0.01 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0**

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Recreation Commission the sum of **\$12,000.00** to recruit, train and hire seasonal **Part-time Lifeguards** to oversee the safety of all swimmers at the Town Beach.

*This article would result in an estimated \$0.02 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0**

10. To see if the Town of Newton will vote to **dissolve** the **Capital Reserve Fund established in 2005 known as the “Safety Complex Building Fund”**. Said funds in the amount of **\$4,585.42**, plus accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, shall lapse to the Town’s general fund.

*This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0**

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,585.00 to be deposited into the Engineering & Renovation of land and buildings at 8 Merrimac Road Capital Reserve Fund** created in 2015. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. If warrant article 10 does not pass, this article will be null and void.

*This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0**

12. To see if the Town will vote to **dissolve** the **Capital Reserve Fund, established in 1997 known as the “Town Hall Sprinkler Fund”**. Said funds in the amount of **\$1,541.91**, plus accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, shall lapse to the Town’s general fund.

*This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0**

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,542.00 to be deposited into the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintenance, repairs and construction** created in 2006. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. If warrant article 12 does not pass, this article will be null and void.

*This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0**

14. To see if the Town will vote to **dissolve** the **Capital Reserve Fund, established in 2013 known as Emergency Operating Center for emergency operations, equipment, office supplies and payroll**. Said funds in the amount of **\$1.00** shall lapse to the Town’s general fund.

*This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0**

**15.** To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Fire Chief, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000.00** to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund known as the “Fire Apparatus and Equipment / Refurbishment Fund” voted in 2011.

*This article would result in an estimated \$0.10 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0**

Given under our hands and seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Nineteen.

Robert S. Donovan, Jr., Chairman

Lisa L. Gonyer, Vice-Chairman

Lawrence B. Foote

James L. Doggett

Matthew A. Burrill

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**